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Vernon L. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 284X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment - In Kalamazoo County, Michigan –
Notice of Exemption

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed please find a copy of an email received from the Michigan
Department of Environmental Quality in response to their review of Norfolk
Southern's environmental report with regard to the above referenced matter.

Yours very truly,

Kathy C. Headrick
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Enclosure

cc (w/encl.):
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Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 3:59 PM
To: kathy.headrick@nscorp.com
Cc: Kameron Jordan; David O'Donnell; Vickie Plummer; MaryBeth Thelen
Subject: DIR00517, Docket no. AB-290 (Sub-No. 284X) NS RXR Co. Abandonment, K-zoo Co.

Ms. Headrick, I apologize for lack of timeliness in this response, but it got buried in the in-box.

The removal of structures within the bottomland of the Kalamazoo River will require a DEQ permit pursuant to Sec. 30102(b) of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). Regulated activities within any associated regulated wetlands would also require a DEQ permit pursuant to Part 303, Wetland Protection, of the NREPA.

In addition, I am sure that this stretch of the Kalamazoo River is a Federal Superfund site, so removal activities may require additional precautions to avoid the mobilization of sediments. David O'Donnell of DEQ's Remediation and Redevelopment Division is being made aware of this proposed project for possible concerns. If there are any questions or comments, please contact me.

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